If he had not raised it, I would have sat down. ... *(.Interruptions)*... This voluntary retirement has been forced in a particular company, namely, the Bharat Process Mechanical and Engineering Company under the Ministry of Industry. They say, "By 31 st May if you do not take voluntary retirement from 1st June onwards, there will be suspension of operation." What social security are you talking about? ... *(Interruptions)*... Anyway, I am happy that this ceiling will now be Rs. 3.5 lakh. But when the ceiling of Rs. 2.5 lakh was introduced earlier for the Central Government employees, the effective date was 1.4.95. Now this is being changed to Rs. 3.5 lakh and the effective date is 1.4.97. I think this is a discrimination between the employees of the Central Government and others. This is a discrimination and this should not there. They have got it with effect from 1.4.95 and the ceiling is Rs. 2.5 lakh. I would like to know whether the Minister would give an assurance that this discrimination will not be there and like the employees of the Central Government, others will also get it with effect from 1st April, 1995. This is what I would like the Minister to do. Thank you.

प्रो0 विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दिल्ली) **:** मेरा यह कहना है कि यदि यह जल्दी खत्म हो जाए तो बजट के लिए केबिनेट की मीटिंग चार बजे शुरू हो गई है और इसलिए,.....

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी) : यह जल्दी खत्म हो जाएगा।

प्रो0 विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : चार बजे वह शुरु हो गई है और उसमें सब केविनेट मिनिस्टर होने चाहिए। फिर यह कहा जाएगा कि हाऊस में कोई केबिनेट मिनिस्टर नहीं है और नॉर्मल प्रैक्टिस तो यह रही है कि चार बजे हाऊस एडजॉर्न करते रहे हैं ताकि पांच बजे सदस्य बजट को सुनने लोक सभा लॉबी में जा सकें और सभी मैम्बर्स की यह राय भी है।

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): You can adjourn the House, Sir.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Yes, Sir. Why should we pass the Bill without discussion, when the House is to be adjourned for the Budget? We can discuss it tomorrow.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI): Then, will we adjourn to meet at 6.30 again for the Budget and take up this also?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: No, no, we can take it up tomorrow.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI): So, you want to take this up tomorrow. Shri Gurudas Das Guptaji, for all important things you want more discussion. So, since this is the wish of the House, the House is adjourned till 6.30 P.M. today when the Budget papers are placed on the Table of the House.

The House then adjourned at six minutes past four of the clock.

The House reassembled at one minute past seven of the clock, The Vice-Chairman (Shri Triioki Nath Chaturvedi) in the Chair.

THE BUDGET (GENERAL), 1998-99

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANTSINHA): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, a statement (in English and Hindi) of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Goverment of India for the year 1998-99.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI): The House stands adjourned till 11.00 a.m. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at two minutes past seven of the clock, till eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 2nd of June, 1998.

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